

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 841

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A RESOLUTION to honor Sergeant Robert Edwards of the Tennessee Highway Patrol for meritorious service to the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Robert Edwards is one such estimable person who, after serving with distinction for thirty years with the Tennessee Highway Patrol, has recently taken a much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, assigned to Henry County under the auspices of Governor Ray Blanton, Sgt. Edwards was introduced to everyone as "Rookie" Edwards by his then-supervisor, the late Kenneth Bethune, and the nickname stuck; and

WHEREAS, a native of Carroll County, Rookie Edwards originally began his career in state government as a Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer for the Public Service Commission before joining the Tennessee Highway Patrol; and

WHEREAS, first assigned to Governor Blanton's security staff, young Trooper Edwards was an avid outdoorsman even then and shared with the governor his desire to one day be assigned to an area noted for hunting and fishing. Gov. Blanton would put the young man on the road to find such a place and with one look at Kentucky Lake, Rookie Edwards was hooked on Henry County; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Rookie Edwards would ultimately serve many years as the supervising officer in Henry County, ensuring top quality law enforcement as he and his officers handled every situation with a dedication to safety and a commitment to public service; and

WHEREAS, looking forward to a happy retirement, Rookie Edwards plans to spend time hunting, boating, and fishing, in addition to serving as manager of The Breakers, a development on Kentucky Lake, where he will be in charge of the marina; and

WHEREAS, a devoted family man, Sgt. Edwards enjoys the loving support of his wife Teri Riggins Edwards, a realtor with Moody Realty Company, and they are the proud parents of one daughter, Allison, who works for a medical firm in Memphis while finishing her degree at Ole Miss; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Robert Edwards' remarkable success as a public servant and police officer is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, he demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues, superiors, and the public alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Sergeant Robert "Rookie" Edwards our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors, as we pay tribute to his exemplary career with the Tennessee Highway Patrol and his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.